



Gafaar Nimeiri, president of Sudan

Sudan to strengthen U.S. ties

Nimeiri says Sudanese villages have been bombed by Libya

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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Sudan, the largest African country, is strengthening its ties with the United States to counter what it sees as the threat of a Soviet-backed Libyan invasion.

President Gaafar Nimeiri, in Cairo for the funeral of his assassinated ally, President Anwar Sadat, told reporters Libya — his neighbor to the northwest — has been bombing Sudanese border villages daily for two months and has based strategic bombers within striking distance of his capital, Khartoum.

The United States has offered \$130 million in military aid this year, primarily in anti-aircraft weapons and rockets, but this is not enough, Nimeiri said.

He said Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr.,

with whom he met after the Sadat funeral, told him he knew the situation in the area was dangerous.

Haig said the United States was looking into means of speeding up arms deliveries to Sudan. The week before Sadat was killed, his vice president and apparent successor Hosni Mubarak went to Washington to urge the United States to increase its aid to Sudan.

Last March, Sudan followed Egypt's lead in offering the United States military facilities in case fighting erupts in the oil-rich Middle East.

Nimeiri said Sudan would join Egypt and the United States next month for the first time in expanded military exercises designed primarily to train the American Rapid Deployment Force.

He said the United States was committed to helping Sudan in the event Libya launches a "traditional"

military attack, but there was no such agreement regarding guerrilla activity.

Relations with the United States have been rocky. Diplomatic ties between the two countries were suspended between 1967 and 1972 as a result of the Arab-Israeli war. In March 1973, Palestinians in Sudan murdered U.S. Ambassador Cleo A. Noel Jr. and Deputy Chief of Mission George C. Moore. Sudan later released the assassins, bringing another chill in relations.

Nimeiri's growing friendliness toward Egypt, after a period of coolness over the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, was underlined yesterday by Nimeiri's symbolic voting for Mubarak in an Egyptian election to confirm Mubarak as Sadat's successor. Nimeiri holds honorary Egyptian citizenship.

Peace Corps, VISTA targets of Reagan cutbacks

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President Reagan has zeroed in on two programs, Peace Corps and Volunteers in Service to America, as targets for cutbacks in his plan to balance the national budget.

For the Peace Corps, Reagan's plan could mean a cutback of volunteers, while, for VISTA, it means total elimination of the program.

"It's reached the point where we're actually telling people not to bother applying to VISTA," said Mary Keith, Peace Corps/VISTA recruiter at the University.

If the appropriations bill for ACTION (VISTA's and Peace Corps's umbrella agency) passes in the Senate, VISTA faces about a \$12 million cut in the 1982 budget.

In addition to this cut, Reagan has requested another 12.5 percent across-the-board cut from ACTION.

Jim Burnley, VISTA Public Affairs Director, said he is not certain how the possible additional cut will affect VISTA.

"Our funding situation for 1982 is very much up in the air," he said. In regard to the appropriations bill, he said, "I certainly

anticipate no higher than \$20.7 million (down from \$33 million last year) or less."

Just about the only action VISTA can count on is VISTA's elimination in 1983.

VISTA, which celebrates its 16th anniversary this year, will deal with the eventual phase-out by slowly decreasing the number of volunteers and closely scrutinizing programs, Burnley said.

"We have not placed any new volunteers since last April," he said. In addition, he said VISTA will probably place only a few more volunteers until the end of this year.

When various VISTA programs reach their one-year deadlines, Burnley said VISTA will decide which programs are worthy of renewal.

"As they come up, we decide which we want to renew and/or phase out completely," he said. "A great many VISTA projects in 1981 will not be continued in 1982."

Burnley said the programs that will probably survive scrutiny are those that create job opportunities by training the unskilled and teaching adults how to read and write.

"We're trying to get out of the business of

encouraging dependency on welfare," he said.

Ideally, the worthwhile programs will have enough community support that local groups will step in to fund them, Burnley said.

"Those projects which are doing good work, which are worth institutionalizing, are going to have local support," he said.

Many communities, Burnley added, are aware of VISTA's eventual departure and are already taking steps to maintain the various programs.

VISTA will also save money by not sending volunteers out of their areas, as VISTA has done in the past, he said.

"It's expensive to ship people back and forth across the country," Burnley said. "Virtually all volunteers will be working in their areas in 1982."

Keith also said volunteers will no longer be sent to various regions of the United States.

"There might be a federally-paid administrator here in State College, but any VISTA program will be carried out by a State College resident," Keith said. No VISTA-sponsored programs are currently in

existence in the area.

On the other side of Reaganomics, the Peace Corps faces a \$10 million budget cut, from \$105 million to \$95 million in 1982.

As with VISTA, the Peace Corps may have to deal with ACTION's possible 12.5 percent across-the-board cut.

Lewis Moore, volunteer at the national Peace Corps Office, said the 12.5 percent cut could decrease the budget by an additional \$12 million. Even without the additional cut, next year's budget will mean eliminating more than 200 volunteer positions, Moore said.

This funding cutback, he said, "is serious for a program which hasn't received any increase in funding since 1972."

In addition to cutting overseas positions, the Peace Corps, which now has more than 5,500 volunteers in 58 countries, will also cut personnel in Washington and other regional offices, Keith said.

Although VISTA will be phased out, Keith said she does not expect the same fate for the Peace Corps.

"I think that there's enough recognition of the value of a person-to-person kind of

program," Keith said.

She said there are about 80,000 to 85,000 returning volunteers who praise the Peace Corps's value in Washington.

Keith, who served five years as a volunteer in Paraguay, said a lot of the returning volunteers are working in the federal government, including two senators, three representatives and the Agency of International Development Director.

"There's more upper level support for the volunteer program than back in the '70s when Nixon tried to cut it," she said.

The Peace Corps probably will not cut back in the number of countries it has been serving, although it will not be able to supply as many of the volunteers as countries might request, Keith added.

Peace Corps Public Affairs directors in Washington have said the potential effects of the budget cuts are still hard to determine.

"It's all so new to us," a Public Affairs Director said. "We're part of the administration and we really do believe the economic recovery program is an important program."

Part of 77th district split into 76th, 171st by state commission

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The Pennsylvania Reapportionment Commission yesterday announced its reapportionment plan that includes placing parts of the 77th district, now represented by Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County, into the 76th district and into a new 171st district, a commission secretary said.

The commission will redistrict the state House and Senate legislative districts following the results of the 1980 census.

Four University residence halls in East Halls that are located in College Township — Hastings, Snyder, Stone and Stuart halls — would become part of the 171st, with the remainder of the campus remaining in the 77th.

The new districting will become law in 30 days unless challenged in court during that time, commission spokeswoman Louise Gilles said.

"Even if there are (court challenges), this will be the districts for the 1982 elections," she said.

Cunningham would not comment on the plan because there have not been new developments, his secretary said.

However, Cunningham told The Daily Collegian in September, after a preliminary plan was proposed, that he felt having two legislators representing Penn State instead of

one would be advantageous to the University.

The 34th legislative district of Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-Centre County, would continue to represent all of Centre County, but would also represent all of Clinton County and would lose all of its areas in Clearfield County, said Lowell Witmer, an aide to the Senator.

"I don't think it will be too much of a problem," Witmer said. "Corman has certainly been up there, he knows the people up there. There are good people everywhere. People are just as good in Clinton as in Clearfield."

Gilles said all of the 50 Senate districts are within 1 percent of the 237,335 ideal population, and all 203 House districts are within 1.5 percent of the 58,456 ideal population.

James Eisenstein, state coordinator for Common Cause, said that organization's State Governing Board will meet on Oct. 31 to study the plan.

Common Cause objected to the preliminary plan because the organization contended the plan violated the state constitution, which states that not only should districts be as equal in population as practical, but that districts be composed of compact and contiguous territory and that political entities not be divided unless necessary.



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Smooth as silk

Jazz vocalist Al Jarreau entertained a highly appreciative audience last night in Eisenhower Auditorium. Please see JARREAU, Page 20.

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weather

Partly sunny and mild today after some early morning fog, with temperatures reaching a pleasant 67 degrees. Increasing cloudiness tonight with low temperatures around 40 degrees. Variable cloudiness tomorrow with the change of afternoon or evening showers. High temperatures in the low 60s.

—by Mark Stunder